

**TOPIC: INITIAL APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION UNIT
AND PROGRAMS AT COLORADO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends initial approval of Colorado Technical University's educator preparation unit and educator preparation programs.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-121 the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) considers initial approval of all educator preparation programs at public and private institutions of higher education, after receiving an affirmative recommendation from the State Board of Education. The process for reauthorization of educator preparation programs is as follows: Colorado Department of Education (CDE) conducts a review of the endorsement programs to ensure that the content is designed and implemented in a manner that will enable a candidate to meet the requirements for licensure in Colorado (C.R.S. §22-60.5). Department of Higher Education (DHE) reviews the unit and its programs for the following statutory performance criterion: the existence of at least 800 hours of supervised field based experience (C.R.S. §23-1-121.2). DHE and CDE then jointly conduct an on-site visit of the unit and its educator preparation programs. Upon receiving an affirmative recommendation from SBE, DHE makes a recommendation to CCHE.

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

At its meeting on January 13, 2011, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of the educator preparation programs at Colorado Technical University. CDE staff transmitted its affirmative recommendation to DHE.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-121 Department staff reviewed the educator preparation unit and its programs and confirmed that they meet performance criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the educator preparation unit and the following educator preparation programs at Colorado Technical University:

- **Elementary Education (8.02)**
- **English Language Arts (8.09)**

- **Science (8.17)**
- **Mathematics (8.14)**
- **Social Studies (8.18)**
- **Business Education (8.05)**
- **Business and Marketing (8.05)**
- **Health (8.11)**
- **Art (8.04)**

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant statute, policy, and the letter of approval from the State Board of Education are on file in the Academic Affairs Office.

VII. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

§22-60.5 C.R.S.
§23-1-121 C.R.S.